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Special Announcement

*From the Joint Study Commission of the
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Holiness Church*

Because of the many fine things we have in common, official study commissions have been appointed by the Church of God and the Pentecostal Holiness Church to serve as a joint commission to explore the possibility of closer fellowship and cooperation between the two church groups.

This joint commission met in Des Moines, Iowa, October 25, 1959, at which time there was a free and profitable discussion of our many similarities and mutual interests. Good progress was made toward creating closer ties between us, and toward unifying our common testimony.

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Courageous Faith

By DANIEL I. PHILLIPS

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"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest," Joshua 1:7.

WE ARE LIVING in an age of daring exploits—space travel, supersonic speed, atomic power—all of which demand much faith and courage. Faith and courage are essential for the accomplishing of the many outstanding feats that men are doing in our day.

Man must have faith in the ability of the machines which he has invented. He has faith that they will perform as they are constructed to do. We all marvel at the accomplishments of modern engineering and construction, our giant skyscrapers, bridges, etc. Faith and courage are exemplified in the construction of these wonders of modern engineering.

Much emphasis is placed on courage in the fields of sports, science and even in the many everyday pleasures in which men engage today. With all of this show of bravery and courage, however, we are weakening in the area in which our predecessors excelled, moral and spiritual integrity.

Man has never before faced the challenge to honesty and integrity that he is facing today. In busi-

ness, with the constant pressures from government regulations and dwindling profits, the temptation to dishonest dealings is very strong.

In politics, the pressure groups who have only selfish interests as their objectives, the many offers of graft, all tempt the civic leaders to dishonest actions. In the church and home we see signs of the weakening of the moral and spiritual fibers which have made our nation strong. In all groups there is a demand for faith and courage—courage to resist temptation and stand firmly for the right.

Though many perform courageous acts, we must remember that these exploits are to no avail if they are out of harmony with the laws of God. When we consider the courage of the apostles as they faced death for their testimony we are made ashamed of our weakness.

It took much faith and courage for Paul and Silas to sing while imprisoned in the Philipian jail. When the darkness and gloom of the midnight hour had settled all around them, and the imps of hell were rejoicing, they had put two courageous warriors out of circulation, their faith would not be depressed. They refused to doubt God and began to sing His praises. Perhaps Brother Paul looked at Silas and said, "Silas, I feel like singing; I feel so good because we are counted worthy to suffer for His name's sake." Silas perhaps replied, "Paul, I feel the same way;

I suggest that we sing the Twenty-third Psalm." And with that they began, "The Lord is my shepherd." The melody of their song at midnight wafted its way through the portals of glory and God listened and was concerned. It made God happy to see the faith and courage of His two children in trouble and He began to pat His foot. The earth, being His footstool, began to shake and the old jailhouse doors flew open.

We cannot forget the courage and faith of Martin Luther as he stood before the Diet of Worms and declared, "I will not recant." Even at the risk of his life, he refused to recant his stand for Jesus.

In a great missionary service one night after God had moved through the message, the ushers began to take up the missions offering. When one of the ushers reached a little lad about the age of twelve, the lad, with tears streaming down his cheeks, said to the usher, "Please, Sir, would you place the offering plate on the floor?" When the usher had complied with this strange request, the lad stepped into the plate with his bare feet and explained that since he had no money, he was giving himself. That boy was none other than Bob Moffatt, the great missionary who with David Livingston braved the wilds of the interior of Africa to carry the glad tidings of great joy to the savage tribes. These men had great faith and courage and loved Christ more than their own lives.

A great man once said, "Those who apply themselves too closely to little things often become incapable of great things."

Jesus said, "Ask largely that your joy may be full."

Doctor Billy Graham stated in one of his recent campaigns that conformity is one of the greatest evils of our day. We need more men and women who will dare to be individuals.

Sir William Osler once said, "He who follows another, sees nothing, learns nothing, nay, seeks nothing."

Another great man once said, "Fear of other people seals up the spontaneous joy of life in a perpetual frost."

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"We Have Only Begun to Fight"—

Against Obscenity

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

THE TEEN-AGE SON of a Baptist pastor friend of mine in a southern city recently answered an ad in a sports magazine for a small trinket, for which the boy sent 25 cents. Back came the trinket—and half a dozen unspeakably obscene pictures. Letters followed from an "art" company in California telling the boy he could get more such pictures and that he could sell them to his schoolmates at a profit.

Shocked and angered, the parents of that boy turned the pictures over to their local postmaster, who sent them to the Post Office Department in Washington. I learned from an official in Washington that a quick check found no "art" firm at the address given. The merchants of smut had shifted to another place. But they are doubtless still in business!

The incident discloses a comparatively new angle of the big traffic in indecent publications of all kinds—a drive to sell pornographic prints to teen-agers in junior and senior high schools.

"This is one of the most vicious and criminal activities of the whole pornography business," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield told a group of churchmen. "I urge every parent, every teacher, every person who finds such filth coming through the mails to send it immediately to the Post Office Department. We shall try our best to catch up with these merchants of obscenity."

Mr. Summerfield estimates that one million children will receive obscene material through the family mailbox during 1959, and that

if the vicious racket is not checked, the volume of this smut will double within four years.

In these closing months of 1959, it is well for people who believe in decency to take stock of our battlelines. Are we gaining—or losing—in this fight to combat the moral corruption and spiritual destruction caused by pornography?

Some hopeful progress has been made. The Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications, organized in April, 1957, representing 30 Protestant denominations, has led a vigorous crusade to arouse Christian people to their responsibility to enforce the laws against obscenity in our states and communities. It now enlists leaders of groups as divergent as the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, Latter Day Saints, and Seventh Day Adventists.

"Why should not all Christian people join in this common crusade against pornography and for decent publications?" asks Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Public Affairs Director, who served as the commission's first secretary.

Progress was made also on the legislative front during the 1959 session of Congress. This writer had the privilege of appearing before the subcommittee of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service last May, to plead for stronger penalties for the mailing of obscene publications. Other officials of our group appeared, and I am happy to say that the legislation we backed was passed and signed by the President.

Chairman of the subcommittee,

Representative Kathryn E. Granahan of Pennsylvania, declared: "obscene publications serve to impair the years of training that parents have devoted to their children."

Both the Southern Baptist and the American Baptist Conventions in their annual meetings last spring passed resolutions vigorously condemning the traffic in pornography and urging families to provide and utilize literature that is pure and wholesome. Numerous other denominational bodies have taken similar action. Many are shaping plans for specific activities in the crusade against smut.

Last September in Chicago, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers called upon its 11½ million members to start a concerted drive to wipe out the distribution of pornographic literature, under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Moffitt of Provo, Utah, chairman of the P.T.A. Committee on comics, movies, radio, and television.

On the other hand, the forces benefiting financially from the vile traffic in printed materials, including magazines, pictures, and obscene "comics," estimated at \$500 million a year, seem more determined than ever to force their wares upon the public. Besides the drive to create a demand for obscenity among teen-agers, they are stepping up the distribution of indecent reading material and obscene playing cards for young men in military service. Also, the market for pornography among college students, young men and women alike, is being cultivated.

Most alarming of all, perhaps, is

the turn toward obscenity in moving pictures and television shows. A dispatch from Hollywood dated last August 17 by the Chicago Daily News service says: "The barriers [to pornography in movies and TV] are down. Court decisions have opened the gates for Hollywood. Daring new movies are being prepared. A Marlon Brando film has as its theme rape and the problems of a girl made pregnant by it." Then followed a long list of subjects, ranging from bad taste to downright viciousness, being filmed.

Yes—the bars are down. The book, *Elmer Gantry*, by the late cynical agnostic Sinclair Lewis, gives a brazenly false portrayal of preachers in general and their alleged motives in particular. The film by that name will be ready for showing this winter. Reports from Hollywood recite numerous other such films.

Television shows, which come more intimately into the family circle for every home that has a TV set, are following suit, and in many instances, leading the way in abandoning all inhibitions and showing "sex for sex's sake," "torrid love scenes," and suggestive, dirty glorification of prostitution and adultery.

What has become of the "moral code" which used to govern the content of moving pictures, radio programs and television shows? What about the "self-policing" which these industries used to do, in order not to violate the laws of decency or offend religious principles? They are out the window. They are *passee*—no longer in force. The reason? "Court decisions have opened the gates," says the Hollywood reporter.

Legal censorship has been dealt a crushing blow by recent decisions of federal courts. A New York judge ruled that *Lady Chatterley's Lover* cannot be barred from the malls because "Victorian" ideas of morality should no longer apply in modern society! Here is a book so dirty in its unabridged edition that it offends the sensibilities of every person who respects womanhood and seeks to protect the minds of impressionable youths from smut; yet, says a federal court, it can-

not be barred from circulation because our morals have changed!

In its last term the U.S. Supreme Court reversed a court of appeals in barring obscene moving pictures, and here are some of the words of its astonishing decision: "Its guarantee (the Constitution's guarantee of free speech) is not confined to the expression of ideas that are conventional or shared by a majority. It protects advocacy of the opinion that adultery may sometimes be proper, no less than advocacy of socialism or the single tax." To which Justices Douglas and Black, the well-known "liberals," add: "I can find in the First Amendment no room for any censor whether he is scanning an editorial, reading a news broadcast, editing a novel or a play, or previewing a movie." In other words, anything goes, the sky is the limit, and so let the smut go through!

Meantime, juvenile delinquency and crime are increasing by almost a steady seven per cent a year! Courtrooms are congested with cases of teen-age assault, violence, and even rape and murder. There can be no disputing the words of FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover that "obscene literature is a major factor in the growth of juvenile delinquency."

Chief Postal Inspector David H. Stephens declares: "That juvenile delinquency stems in large part from the demoralizing influence of exposure to obscenity and pornography is well known to all law enforcement groups. Time after time in our investigations of armed robbery, extortion, embezzlement, and forgery, it is learned that those responsible for such crimes were early collectors of obscene pictures and films. Also in many vicious murders and crimes involving sex is often disclosed that criminals responsible were addicts to pornographic and sadist material."

Are we Christian people going to shrink from this challenge that comes from the smut merchants, the entertainment industry, and the courts as well? Or are we going to rise up to carry the battle, unitedly and courageously, on every front?

What can we do? I suggest this program of actions:

1. We who are parents can watch for obscene materials through the malls and see to it that our children are protected by the postal authorities.

2. We can write a letter to our two United States senators and the congressman from our district, asking what they are doing to strengthen the laws against obscenity and the distribution of indecent materials by mail, truck, or any other means of transportation, and pledging support to their efforts to protect the public from this immoral tide. We can contact our state senators and legislators, our district attorneys and municipal police, to become familiar with state and local laws against obscenity and see to it that they are enforced.

3. We can organize Decent Literature Councils in our communities, composed of outstanding men and women of all faiths, representing business and labor, education and welfare, and so on. We can help them make surveys of the newsstands and bookstores to determine what publications violate the laws against indecency and pornography, and call upon law-enforcement officials to take proper action.

4. Without any official censorship, we can unite in our communities to protest to our local newspapers against lurid and suggestive advertisements of sex movies; to our local radio and TV stations against lewd and dirty programs; to our movie proprietors against films that present in an attractive manner crime and sex.

5. We can support the efforts of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications by contacting any of its officials (given in a list below) for information or for assistance in its program of education and legislation.

6. We can demand that moral codes be revived to govern the output of every film, every radio, television, or other entertainment production, with respect to decency and morality.

Eternal vigilance is the price of
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OUR TEXT IS a solemn warning to all. God was looking out for you and me when He had Apostle Paul to write this warning under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. He is telling us in so many words that there is plenty of deception, and we had better watch out or we will be caught in the devil's trap. Although it is a command not to be deceived, many will ignore the warning and go on blindly and so be deceived. The devil deceived Eve into believing she could eat of the fruit that God had warned her plainly not to eat, and she got into trouble! King Saul got into plenty of trouble when the devil deceived him into not obeying God, and then trying to lie out of it made matters worse. Of course, the lie did not work either, for God's man, Samuel, knew Saul was lying. No, he did not get by with God, and neither can we.

The devil's crowd predicts a television in every American home by 1965. I, as a holiness preacher, predict that another ten years will see all Holy Ghost filled people standing against TV, just the same as Holy Ghost filled people stood against the movies ten years ago.

What does the world say about television? "Give me the best I can buy! I will see everything my carnal mind wants to see . . . The latest worldly entertainment, Hollywood and Paris fashions, wrestling matches, ball games, and all they offer." As a rule they also say they cannot see any difference between television and the movie, except one is shown on a small screen and the other is shown on a large screen. A backslider told a preacher that something was wrong somewhere. A few years ago he joined the church and was told he could not attend the movies. Now the same pictures he could not go see then are being shown and watched in parsonages by pastors and their families. He said that it did not make sense to him that fifteen years ago they would have turned him out of the church for seeing pictures that they now looked at in their own homes.

Saint, Christian, brother, sister, it grieves my soul to see good people drawn away from God by way of the home movie, through the trickery of the deceiving devil. I was dealing with a young high school boy a few months ago about his soul. He said, "Preacher, it's not

smoking, drinking, and things like that that get me and my friends, but it is being bound by lust . . . sex." He went on to say, "A group of us teen-agers will meet at the home of one of our group when the parents are out of town for a few hours or a week end. We will watch shows with the rock-and-roll music and the hip-swinging TV characters and then let our passion and lust run its free course." I said, "Son, when you want to get married, will you want that kind of girl, or will you want a virtuous one?" His answer was, "There isn't a clean virtuous girl in my neighborhood!" He had two teen-age sisters. A few months later one of them met her death in a car with another young woman's husband. One of the last remembrances of this young lady is a mental picture of her holding onto the bench during an altar call, refusing to go to the altar as some of the Christians pleaded with her. The ungodly environment she was subjected to overcame her until she met death in such terrible circumstances.

Think of the condition of our world and ask yourselves, parents and preachers, are you teaching your young people right and in the ways of holiness or are you teaching them to smoke, drink, commit adultery, rock and roll, steal, murder, etc.? This is serious business. Souls are involved and my heart is sick from seeing our people lost over our compromise with television. Please consider the souls you are leading; they are eternal. They are put here to serve and love and obey God. Are we working for or against God in this business of training our youth? The television exalts about everything that we, the Church of God, say is wrong—divorce, many different husbands and wives, smoking, dancing, false love, stepping out on your companion, cursing, etc.

Then some people say they cannot see any harm in viewing television. No, neither could I if I would close my eyes! But just as sure as I look, it spells trouble, trouble, and more trouble for some soul now and at judgment.

What we see is what forms our

Be Not Deceived

By O. D. COLEMAN

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Text: Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived. . ."

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 6:7, 8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man

soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

lives, or helps to form them. Just what will television form in our people's lives? You answer the question. We have a few preachers who will speak out against the evil of the things to be seen on TV. We have a larger group who will speak out against it in a round-about way, afraid to name sin. If naming sin gets much more unpopular, I suppose some will quit naming it at all. I do not want to be counted in that number, for God has always had His prophets and preachers to name sin so the people would know what to shun. Sin will damn the souls of people for eternity. You had better name it, so that there will be no doubt in the minds of people!

If television is so important and almost a must in some of our Church of God people's homes, why don't you hear them testify to its usefulness? Why don't you hear people tell just how much closer television has drawn them to God? If it is helping our children to be better Christians, better church workers, or to attend church more, then people ought to say so. Personally, I am persuaded that the remark, "Oh, sister (or brother), did you see the late show last night? Wasn't it just grand?" is not a good testimony at all to the world against sin. Those who spend so much time with it are getting something—is it spirituality, or is it carnality?

We need mission money to send God-called, devil-hating, holy men and women to the mission field. If all the money which Church of God people have spent on TV in the last five years could be collected and put in one pile, think what could be accomplished with it! I don't suppose that many television fans give as much in a year to missions as they spend on their TV sets in the same amount of time. We have church members who will not pay tithes, but still they have television. Something is wrong somewhere. I am afraid the TV spending is far greater than our whole missions program. God help us to awake and be willing to walk in the light of God's Word!

Be not deceived. That means you. You can't fool God; He knows

Depth Of Planting Makes The Difference



"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, GIVE I UNTO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID." CHRIST (JOHN 14:27)

where our hearts are. Open black sin is not deceiving as a rule; anyone knows it will kill, so most of us will let it alone. But good and bad mixed together is deceiving. Our common rat poison is deceiving because it is good and bad mixed together. You cannot get many rats to eat unmixed poison; they know better. But put out the mixture of corn and poison, or bread and poison, and you will soon find dead rats. Television is a mixture of good and bad . . . that is why it is deceiving. About 90 per cent is for the carnal mind to feed on.

Be not deceived. It will cause us to faint in soul and die spiritually. We know that television has some things on that will not hurt us, but the devil knows that also. That is why he can deceive some. Be not deceived; the little good that is shown on television is the devil's selling power. My garbage can may have some good food in it, but I don't intend to go out and have

lunch out of it. I am afraid I might get food poisoning.

Be not deceived. We must shun the appearance of evil or we will be deceived. We cannot say that we are shunning evil when we put it before our eyes and the eyes of them that God has trusted to our keeping. Some adults may turn off all the bad things, but children will not. All are born in sin. It is natural for children to want the things that are wrong and it is our duty to put before them the things that are right and good for them.

Be not deceived. Sin kills, destroys, breaks up homes, makes juvenile delinquents from God's prospects. Let us try to help God with all our hearts. He needs our help with our youth of today. If there is a doubt in our minds about anything being right or wrong, then why not leave it alone and be safe?

"Be not deceived," is a plea from the great Apostle Paul. He knew we
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The Battlefield in Nyasaland

By M. G. McLuhan



I AM WRITING from an outpost on the battlefield in Nyasaland. The fighting here has been making news headlines in many places in the world, and it is at this moment steadily going on. All around us the fight is raging, and men are falling right and left. Oh no, I do not mean that the guns which are being fired are those that spew out a stream of lead and steel, and leave a line of dying bleeding human bodies on the field. I mean that this is an outpost on the battlefield of ideologies, where the machine guns of propaganda and mass psychology are chattering out their stream of death as surely as a Schmeisser, or a Bren gun ever did it. The bullets from these concealed and deadly weapons do not draw visible blood. Rather they administer a slow moral and spiritual morphine which dopes the senses and drugs the concepts of liberty and truth. They present a distorted picture of world conditions, and they fill the national bloodstream with the antibodies and virus that create the political malaria of anarchy and bloody revolution.

Here in Africa we are very much aware of what is going on, if we are among those who are abreast of world conditions. While perhaps many of our friends abroad do not seem to see it, we know that the uprisings in this little country in Africa's heart are the little fires that are ignited by the sparks from the flame of world revolution in Moscow. As I sit here at my typewriter in a reed hut alone among

the Nyasas, I feel like a soldier sitting amid the acrid fumes of his machine gun post in the midnight of battle. While he struggles to reload his hot gun, the radio in his shell hole brings the news report that all is quiet and uneventful on the battle line tonight. Khrushchev is going to America, Communism and Western Democracy are going to kiss and make up, and nobody is going to cause anybody any trouble anymore. The battlefield is quiet tonight!

Here on the battlefield, however, there is no cease-fire nor truce. Here day and night the conflict goes on in sweating, toiling intensity, without letup. Here the raw material of uncivilized minds is being battled for in dead earnest, and here where the actual battle is to be seen in its awful nakedness without the camouflage of peace talks, friendly visits, and disarmament talks, one can draw some basic conclusions. Christianity has been in Africa for almost a century and a half now. Communism has been here for about thirty years. That was when this battle started, and now it is quite clear that Communism has as many or perhaps more followers than Christianity in this continent of more than eleven million square miles of earth's territory. Because much of the territory is populated by primitive peoples, neither side in this battle for Africa need worry much about peace talks or conferences. They must just keep pouring the munitions of ideological warfare into the area, and keep the guns

red hot night and day. What is more, since many of the people in this area are just now learning to read, they will read anything that they can get hold of! What a target for the propaganda guns!

After being here on the spot where the battle is thundering, I have come to some conclusions. To me it is quite clear that Communism is the startling harvest of the gross materialism of the professing Christian world. I trust that it will be an awakening judgment on that world before it is too late to do anything about it. Christianity has been guilty of a "be ye warmed and filled" philosophy, because while it has talked about spiritual transformation and eternal plenty in heaven, it has not always done what it could to alleviate and improve the natural conditions of its adherents. What a pity that in an area like Africa, where a gospel of human improvement and economic emancipation was so needed along with the gospel of spiritual regeneration, the former was forgotten and the latter thus robbed of much of its meaning to the primitive mind. I do not mean that all Christian missions effort in this needy continent has been guilty on these points, but it is clear that God will lay some guilt at almost every so-called Christian door. How else can a godless philosophy of gross materialism triumph over the gospel of life that at one time conquered the western world in a few decades?

Someone may say that governments were to blame for the Afri-

can problem. That is perhaps so to a degree, but alas those governments were professing to be Christian, so we still face the indictment. Where an ideology lacks dedicated men, it lacks transforming and convincing power. The men who carried Christianity to victory in the West some centuries back were dedicated men. They brought not only a spiritual transformation, but they also brought an educational renaissance, and an economic advancement unparalleled in human history. Their dedication was an hitherto unheard of epic of moral and spiritual greatness, so much so that many members of today's Christian society cannot imagine that any other philosophy of life could ever produce dedicated men. We are also under the misconception that dedicated men can only be associated with truth, liberty, and high spiritual ethics. Because of this self-inflicted opiate we are sitting ducks for Communist world revolution. We just do not think that a man with a grossly materialistic outlook would ever actually sacrifice his life or his means to promote his ideology. We think we have a corner on dedication and sacrifice and, content to rest on the laurels of the martyrs and the heroes of Christian history, we quietly fold our hands. We say, "Oh, it was the love for souls and the realization of their eternal existence that drove the Christian emancipators and missionaries to their lofty heights of sacrifice and service." That is true, but has it ever occurred to us that it is also possible for men who believe that earth is their heaven, to believe their doctrine so intensely that they will also make heroic sacrifices for their ideal?

Communism fears a hot war of planes and atomic bombs as much as anyone fears it. However, Communists do not hold the same fears for the so-called cold war. They dramatically unfurl the banner which cries, "Peaceful co-existence is possible!" At the same time they are bending every effort in a presently active third world war—not of guns, but of mass psychology. They will not hesitate to use guns, too, where they think they can get

away with it without starting a world-wide armed conflagration, but their most effective weapons are propaganda and psychology. On top of this, they are dedicated men, especially their leaders. Thousands of rank and file Communists donate more than a tenth of their salaries to propaganda, plus every free hour that they can find outside their work. These men can be won to the superior idea of Christianity, but they will not be won by men who are less dedicated to Christianity than they themselves are to Communism! Most Communists think that the people of the West are lazy, overfed, and lacking in dynamic idealism. Some professing Christians have surely given them concrete reasons for thinking so, too! I fear that some professing Christians are so devoid of a dynamic conviction that they cannot accept the fact that some Communists have such a conviction.

FROM THE imagined lofty heights of the headquarters of world governments, men imagine that people in Africa are blissfully unaware of the big things that are happening in the political world at this time. They think that our moral vision, our spiritual outlook, and our political acumen are obscured and limited by the vast forests of thorn and mopani that make up our bushveldt. It has never occurred to them that we are in the best position in the world to

get a "grass roots" view of militant active Communism. Here where the battle of ideologies has no cessation, we are shocked by the way methodical, purposeful, Communist propaganda is accomplishing its strategic world master plan. Great American cities clamored to entertain Nikita Khrushchev, perhaps because they believed that they might wash his brain by showing him their high standard of living and demonstrating how their grand democracy functions. One may as well show a lion a herd of fat cattle in an effort to induce him to start eating grass. Have men who inhabit the bastions of freedom failed to appreciate the passionate hatred and utter contempt for the western way of life that fires the heart of the world Communist revolution, and is at this moment inspiring them to make great sacrifices to destroy that very western way of life? Soon many boxes of lethal ammunition will arrive on the African battle front describing how weak, decadent America was forced to welcome the champion of human freedom for fear that if she did not, her oppressed working classes would have risen in bloody revolution.

Every such so-called good will visit is a carefully planned strategy which will disarm the free world ideologically. It does not have as much impact on the well informed free peoples of America as it has
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An open-air meeting in Nyasaland where Brother McLuhan ordained several ministers and set forth several evangelists.

Called to the Shepherd's Fold



NO SWEETER, lovelier, purer, or more precious lady ever graced a Church of God missionary home than Patsy Fitzgerald Lauster. Her life was lived in simple majesty, making all with whom she came in contact feel that they had been in the very presence of a saint of God. In the years that I knew Patsy I never heard her say a hurtful word about anybody.

God, in His infinite love and mercy, saw fit to call Patsy to her eternal home on Sunday, November 15, at 8:05 a.m. She died of kidney poisoning. While our heads are bowed in grief because she is gone, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving that we had the privilege of knowing her for these short years. Nothing can ever take from us the memory of her sweetness, her love, her zest for life and her happiness in service to others.

Patsy would have been twenty-three years old if she had lived until December 11. Her parents, F. I. and Adrean Fitzgerald, of Lee Road, Covington, Louisiana, have every right to be proud of the daughter they reared in their Christian home. She brought no heartache to them except that which came from their knowledge that she would leave them for a home in Germany where God was calling her to the work of world missions.

Paul Lauster came from Germany to the States to prepare himself for the work to which he felt

God called him. He traveled with the Lee College Missions Club to many churches in the interest of foreign missions. On one trip we went to the church at Shepherd's Fold, Louisiana, where he met Patsy. There never seemed to be one doubt in his mind from that first meeting on but that Patsy was the girl for him. She came to Lee College and their love continued to grow. They were married in August, 1957, and returned for two more years of schooling.

Patsy received an A.B. degree at the commencement exercises at Lee in May, 1959. She was what her teachers called an "Ideal student," for she could always be depended upon to have her work correctly done. We all knew that she would be faithful in her greater work on the mission field even as she had been in every task in the homeland.

Patsy was a faithful member of, and worker with, the Missions Club all the time she was in school. She was the Secretary-Treasurer, doing all the work that the position required of her without ever a complaint. No one could have done the work better or have been more faithful.

While the time Patsy spent on the mission field was very short—they went to Germany in September of this year—we know that the Master was satisfied with her labor of love. She had studied German in college and was applying herself diligently to the task of

language study at the time of her death, anticipating a lifetime of service. Surely the Lord found her busy in His harvest field when He called for her!

The death of this precious girl on the mission field makes our task of evangelizing the world just that much more important and urgent. We have lost another warrior but not a battle! The victory was hers, even in death, for by that means she has been set free from Satan's power forever more. So many times we have heard her testify that her whole heart's desire was to serve God according to His plan for her life. Never did we guess how short that life span would be!

To her husband, her family, her loved ones, many friends, and to her home church at Shepherd's Fold, Louisiana, we say that her life was sweet and pure and that she will be missed in a way that hurts too much to ever be expressed. God bless you, everyone. She laid aside the torch which she held so high that it brought light to many who had been in spiritual darkness. We must pick it up through a renewed dedication of our lives to the call of God.

Young men and women, no greater work can be accomplished in this world than that which God can do through a yielded life. Pick up the torch that fell from Patsy's hands and carry it to some dark corner of the earth. This is her challenge to you!

—Mrs. Avis Swiger

COURAGEOUS FAITH

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The Bible tells us, "Perfect love casts out all fear."

Our adversary, Satan, does everything in his power to divide the Church and keep us separated through prejudice, superstition, and ignorance. To defeat his purpose, we must unite to fight sin. The Church is the salt of the earth; salt may cause the open sore to smart, but it is an antiseptic that will kill harmful bacteria. The Church must speak out against the vices of this world. The Church must never become guilty of remaining silent. Today, behind the Iron Curtain, there are those who would welcome the freedom to speak that we enjoy. Lest this blessed privilege be removed for lack of proper use, may we ever let the voice of the Church be heard. You are the Church; each individual, born-again child of God. So speak!

When the darkness and gloom and the many unpleasant vicissitudes of life harass us we need faith. Consider Job, when health, wealth, and family were all taken away and even his wife became bitter, his faith never failed him. When Mrs. Job said, "Curse God and die," Job replied, "Woman, you talk like a foolish woman. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." Later he continued by declaring, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25). We might ask, "How do you know, Job?" He would reply, "I feel his hand as he chasteneth whom he loveth." Then he continues with such courageous faith, "Though . . . skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:26).

If we Christians will dedicate our lives to God, appropriate the faith and courage that God provides for them who love Him, we can see many more added to the kingdom of God.

Will you dare to add your testimony to your Christian neighbors? May God bless you and give you grace to accept this challenge.

"WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO FIGHT"— AGAINST OBSCENITY

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liberty. It is likewise the price we must pay to combat the aggressive forces of organized indecency, crime, and immorality.

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BE NOT DECEIVED

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would have our wicked inventions in the last days before the coming of the Lord. It is a warning, so do not take it lightly. Babylon did not destroy Judah in 588 B.C.; it was backsliding that brought about the destruction. Assyria did not destroy Israel in 721 B.C.; sin was to blame. Sin will not be overlooked by God; it will be condemned.

If television is the best thing for the Christian home, let's talk it up, testify, and get it in every home. But if television is deceiving, let us as God's ministers get rid of it and try to get every one of them out of our Church of God homes. Put television on the stand; put it on trial and see if it will stand God's test of holiness. Be reasonable. A little leaven will leaven the whole lump. Small foxes spoil the vines. Train up a child in the way he should go. Will TV do the job? When we pray and watch and see TV causing more and more of our good Christians to lose the fire of God, see their spiritual barometer going down, down, down, it is time for us to do something about it. Can a God-called man stand by and watch his good brother be deceived and hold his peace? My answer is "no."

When you ask for visitation volunteers for just two hours a week, the big answer is, "We don't have time." But they have time for this program and that. It is time to be alarmed when we see more and more of our time wasted, time that God has given to us to work for Him, and more and more of God's money spent in a way God is not pleased with. Speaking of money, a large number of our churches cannot put a nice advertisement in the newspaper because of a money shortage; still people will buy something that they are afraid God would not put His approval upon. It is time we called a sack cloth and ashes fast until God answers. We will arise and preach against sin, not fearing whom we might offend.

The Church of God did not come to where we are now by compromising. We came to where we are

by preaching against sin. We will stay a holiness church by refusing evil and clinging to right. If preaching against sin offends some, it is time for that person to erect an altar and come back to God. Sin in any form must be offensive to God's people.

The Word says for us to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God . . . also to be not conformed to this world. Some of our children know more Hollywood actors by sight than they do Bible verses. They know who won the world series but do not know who led the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. We are training them; but be serious, would you say we are training them right? Some of our Church of God children know more worldly songs than they do hymns of worship. Some know more about sex and sin than they do about grace and love. The devil is deceiving. Oh, let us pray that we will not be deceived. Are our children being trained to be pastors, preachers, church workers, and leaders? Or are they being trained for Satan and his business? Your answer, with just a little thought and reason, will be just like mine. Far too many are being trained for Satan. God help us. Be not deceived. The degrading, lude, world-alluring things they are viewing on television will influence them for the wrong kind of living. Such environment leads to girls' becoming unwed mothers. Boys grow up to become young men with no respect for manhood or womanhood. Divorce, which is prominently featured in most Hollywood films and movies, has become one of the greatest evils in America and is invading far too many Christian homes. Train the mind wrong and it will act wrong!

You have heard about "controlled TV"? Well, the best way to control it is just to leave it as an unpurchased item at the store. Instead of passing time away by looking at things which feed the carnal mind, let us all begin to pray for a Holy Ghost revival that will so convert and convict our people from and against worldliness that we will have a TV burning and a house

cleaning so that Jesus Christ can feel at home in our homes. David said in Psalm 101:2, 3: "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." Could you honestly say this with David? "Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes: cease to do evil," says the prophet Isaiah. There is a way that seemeth right but the end thereof is the way of death.

If I have given poor advice, refuse it. If I have given sound doctrine, please accept it. I have had my mind changed many times by someone who had a better understanding than I on some subject. Please do not consider yourself to be so strong that you could not be hurt through having and watching TV. You, too, may have a weak moment and be deceived. You, too, could be hindered spiritually to the extent that you would be left here when Jesus catches away the saints. Our strength lies in Him. Our victory comes through Him. Our hope is in Him. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap if we faint not. Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good. Be not deceived!



THE BATTLEFIELD IN NYASALAND

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in areas like Africa. Here is the place where the real harvest is reaped by propaganda developed from such tactics. Its psychological blast is given the flavor of truth by the regular news broadcasts which casually describe such planned visits and events. Then comes the carefully worded and powerfully couched explanation of those same events from the mouth of the elite corps of psychologists in Moscow. It is perfectly framed for maximum effectiveness in the underprivileged areas of the world; upon the minds of primitive peoples it has absolutely devastating effect. Communism reckons that time is on her side

in this great war for the minds of the world's masses. The Communists have strong reason for their belief, because already they have revolutionized the minds of many over a large part of the earth. Under their ideological domination at this moment are no less than nine hundred million people of the earth's population. Nor have they stopped in their drive toward world conquest, for the Communist propaganda mills have turned out two pieces of literature for every man, woman, and child on the face of the earth.

Because of the striking success of their efforts toward world conquest, they are genuinely seeking world peace. I fully expected that when Khrushchev got to America he would bring forward some sweeping proposal to insure world peace. This was not a camouflage either, because the Communist high command is certain that peace is the best way to win their war of ideologies. What a tragedy that those who follow the Prince of Peace must be challenged upon their own grounds by an ideology that is completely materialistic! This is a shocking fact, and it should shake the millions of professing Christians out of their lethargy, and make them do some solid thinking. The lofty idealism of Christian faith and doctrine has stood unchallenged during the past nineteen and a half centuries. Even the well reasoned philosophy of ancient Greece has been considered inferior to the philosophy of life that Jesus Christ and His followers brought to the world. Now we are being confronted with the fact that the philosophy of Carl Marx, with its total disregard for the dignity of the individual, its complete lack of moral and ethical principles, and its base materialistic outlook, is actually challenging Christianity on its home ground. What is still more shocking is the fact that it is succeeding in many places, despite the fact that the whole world knows of the bloody atrocities that this same militant Communism has perpetrated within the last few years in many places.

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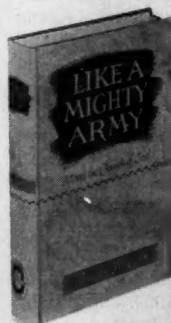
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Carolina Commendation

(A statement about the North Carolina Summer Bible School)

HAVING traveled over the mountain range bordering Tennessee and North Carolina, I drove into Asheville, the skyline city of the South. The air was crisp and fresh with that high altitude atmosphere which is characteristic of western North Carolina. The winding roads between Asheville and Charlotte were enough to keep me busy and alert, but they were not so involved that they would prohibit the beautiful scenes of Americana from taking full entrance to the perception of my view.

I was on my way to work in the Church of God State Summer Bible School in North Carolina. What would I find there? Would the students be spiritual? Would there be discipline problems? Would the North Carolina ministers be like other ministers? Would the school be worth the time and effort which the state expended annually on it? The main question in my mind was, "Is this school a part of God's plan for making a better church and a stronger ministry?"

All of these questions tumbled over and over as I made my way to the appointment which I felt very unworthy to fill. Even as I had lain awake nights praying about the new endeavor, I proceeded to whisper a prayer about the plans for this summer Bible School. My prayer was something like this:

"O Lord, who hath taught men the better way, lead and teach us, the workers in this Christian school, to fulfill the highest kind of teach-

ing ministry to the young people of the Church of God. Keep us from substituting tradition for true holiness and let us find a new place in the extension of thy kingdom, that we might be servants that will do credit to the truth of thy glory. In this endeavor lead us in understanding daily living and forbid that we should carelessly approach worship, but teach us the more perfect way of happiness and give us wisdom to worship thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

I arrived at the state campground in Charlotte and found dedicated people worshipping the Lord. I felt the Spirit of God under the tabernacle and this was the best greeting I could have had. My tensions relaxed upon realizing that I was among God's people. Anxiety is always great for us when we approach a new experience. This situation was no different because during those first days of preliminary meetings, worries mounted; yet fellowship of godly people and a growing understanding of the purposes and plans for the Bible School continued to give relief.

The school began and flowed smoothly for the month. The commencement was the highlight of a spiritual feast which was realized all the time. Each of the teachers was dedicated to his task as if he were going to be rewarded thousands of dollars for each hour of his labor. They prepared their lectures with care and diligence and exerted personal interest in each student. The dormitory deans stood by faithfully taking their posts as a charge from God. The cafeteria

manager and his workers provided all of us with three good well-planned meals a day. A hard working laborer could not have asked for meals more substantial and satisfying. The superintendent, the state overseer, stood by with a firm effective hand of guidance and a warm heart of understanding.

Having watched the school progress for one season, I have come to a conclusion about what place it has in the program of our church. As you might have already perceived, I was impressed favorably. As a matter of fact, I endorse with exuberance the planning and executing of summer Bible Schools for ministers and laity in all of our large ecclesiastical states.

The work and planning, the vision and dreams, the power and the will of the North Carolina ministers to promote such an activity in their state is credible and is deserving of praise and commendation.

Not only did working with school influence my thinking. At the camp meeting, I had minister after minister, young person after young person, to come up to me and tell of their experiences at NCBS in past years. Some of them said they came every year and there received much resource material and inspiration for their ministry in the days to come. How could one help but be impressed with testimonials such as these being poured upon him?

Another very strong influence upon my thinking was the students of the school of 1959. Many of them were very conscientious; others displayed genuine interest; while others were a little cold in their zeal for knowledge, but they were good in behavior and allowed the true students to study as they so desired. The students were thoughtful; they were concerned about the welfare of the teachers. They showed true Christian experience in their constant manifestation of holy living, sincere worship, and Christian love.

By no means the least reason, I found a valuable evidence of Christian approval in this endeavor through the presence of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost manifested Himself in the chapel services and

in the classes. He manifested Himself in the behavior of the student body. He was there. My deduction from the experience that I had with Him while working in the North Carolina Bible School was that His approval was on this quest from the beginning. God is pleased when men try to help themselves and seek to learn more about Him and His truth. He is pleased when ministers make an effort to see that such an enterprise is undertaken for their betterment, the betterment of their

state, and the glory of God.

Let it be said that the ministers of North Carolina are working! What they have done in this summer Bible School effort is evidence of vision and purpose. Their ideas, their hopes, their labors will some day spring into a chain reaction that will affect the movement as a whole. Yea, that it has already done.

With a united ministry and an enthusiastic staff, the North Carolina State Summer Bible School will grow to proportions unseen by the

human mind.

My experiences in Charlotte this past summer were some of the most rewarding in my life. Superintendent and staff, students and curriculum made an impact upon me which will grow, increasing my fervency and approval for state schools, forbidding me to ever wonder about the brotherhood of the ministry in other locations and providing my heart with eternal sentiments.

—Robert E. Stevens, Chaplain,
Lee College



**Sydney: Billy Graham's
Greatest Crusade Rally**

SYDNEY—Despite wintry winds and rain, a record crowd of 150,000 jammed the Sydney Showground

and adjacent Cricketground to hear American Evangelist Billy Graham at the final rally of his month-long Sydney Crusade. The largest meeting he has ever addressed, it brought total attendance at 26

services here to 983,000. In the campaign, 56,163 persons made "decisions for Christ." Mr. Graham's previous world record attendance for a single rally was 143,750 at the last meeting of his four-week Melbourne Crusade.

—Religious News Service Photo

Schweitzer: "Humanity Won't Be Happier With Moon"

PARIS (EP) — Famed philosopher-physician Albert Schweitzer isn't too excited about Russia's success in launching a rocket to the moon.

"Until now, the moon has inspired me only with poetic dreams," he said. "I don't think humanity will be happier when it has taken over control of the moon."

The 84-year-old humanitarian is spending three months in Europe where he is resting and writing a "philosophical work."

Moslem Vets Pray for Peace at Catholic Shrine

LOURDES, FRANCE (EP)—Moslem war veterans recently knelt at the Roman Catholic shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France and recited prayers for peace. The event was believed to be the first in history when prayers of another faith were said publicly at the world-famous Marian grotto.

The Moslems were joined by some 10,000 World War II veterans who participated in a week-long international pilgrimage to Lourdes on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the war's outbreak.

Alexis Thomas, president of the French War Veterans Association, said "it was only right that those who had been obliged to fight a long and cruel war should meet to cry out their desire for peace."

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